

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
THURMONT SENIOR CENTER
December 8, 2008**

DOA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
Suzan M. Adams	Margaret Nusbaum	Alan Imhoff, Alderman	Ona M. John Kile	
William P. Allen, PhD	Susan M Ramsburg Recording Sec	Robert Wannemacher		
Earl S. Beck, PhD	Carolyn True			
Rae Ann Butler				
Harold A. Ehart, Jr., Chair				
David Gray, Comm.				
Lloyd Hoover				
Louise Lynch				
Burt Shawver				
Virginia Skelley				
Anna Mary Snyder				

- I. **Call to Order – Hal Ehart, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions –** Hal Ehart welcomed all attendees and introductions/affiliations were made.
- III. **Approval of Minutes –** The minutes of the November 10, 2008 were approved without changes. All were in favor.
- IV. **Commissioner's Report –** The County Commissioners will be issuing a memo which approves voluntary furlough days for any county employee who is interested. The County still faces a budget shortfall for this fiscal year.
- V. **United Senior's of Maryland, David Roseman –** This organization is actually comprised of forty-five individual organizations. Lobbying as a group is more effective than trying to make changes with a smaller voice. Advocating for senior issues is one of the main goals. They

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focus primarily on the state legislature and take a proactive position on issues. A lot of the communication within this organization is via email. A motion was set before the Commission to join this organization and was approved by all. The fee will be divided among members of the Commission. The Thurmont Seniors Commission will also consider becoming a member of the USM organization.

- VI. Partners in Care in Thurmont, Hal Ehart** - Emily Kilby has six drivers ready and able in the Thurmont area, but has not had any calls for assistance. The Thurmont Council believes it has not been adequately advertised. There is a definite need for the assistance in Thurmont. The information will be placed in the local newspapers.
- VII. Nominating Committee Report** – One person was approved for membership to this committee. The information will need to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. It is yet to be decided whether there is a need to re-advertise for membership.
- VIII. Comments from Seniors of Thurmont, Bill Buehler, Bob Lookingbill** – The Thurmont Commission is very aware of their local seniors and would like to help them by advocating for their needs. Prior issues are being resolved and were caused by a lack of communication which led to a lack of trust. There has been a significant improvement in the relationship between the Thurmont Senior Center Board and the Frederick County Department of Aging. They are looking forward to a solid plan that will last for years.
- IX. Director's Report, Carolyn True** – The budget is due in January, 2009 which will reflect a requested three percent decrease and a five percent decrease which may or may not be implemented. There are two positions in the department which have been frozen. Frederick County is in better financial shape than neighboring counties.
- X. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg,

Frederick County Commission on Aging

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Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

No December Executive Committee Meeting.

January 12, 2009 – COA Meeting at 1:00 pm, Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702.

USM Rally, Annapolis – January 27, 2009 – Please call Sue Ramsburg at 301-600-1605 by December 31, 2008 if you plan to ride the Department of Aging van to rally. Cost is \$25.00; \$10.00 for transportation , \$15.00 for the Rally. Space for 6 people still available.

February 9, 2009 – COA Meeting at 1:00 pm, Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702.